Big Game Seasons 2008

2008 Deer Hunting Seasons

Hunters with valid Idaho licenses and tags in their possession can hunt mule deer and white-tailed deer.

How many deer can I harvest? In general, the answer is one deer per hunter per year. But a few controlled hunts and depredation hunts offer the opportunity for hunters to harvest additional deer. Deer hunters also may buy leftover nonresident deer tags at the nonresident price to harvest a second deer in 2008. A hunter may take only as many deer as he or she has legal tags for.

Youth hunt only: Some deer hunts are for youth only. Only hunters 12-17 years of age with a valid license and tag may hunt antlerless deer in these hunts.

Antlered deer: Deer with at least one antler longer than 3 inches. In antlered only seasons, or any hunt with point restrictions, antlers must accompany the carcass while in transit

Antlerless deer: Deer without antlers or with antlers shorter than three inches. May be taken in a season open for antlerless deer or either sex.

Two-point deer: Deer with no more than two points on one side, not including the brow point or tine, and at least one antler longer than three inches. A point is an antler projection that is at least one inch long and longer than the width of the projection.

Three-point deer: Deer having at least one antler with three or more points, not including the brow point or tine.

Four-point deer: Deer having at least one antler with four or more points, not including the brow point or tine.

Species identification: In seasons restricted to mule deer only or white-tailed deer only, if the head is removed, the fully-haired tail must be left naturally attached to the carcass.

Archery and Muzzleloader Permits

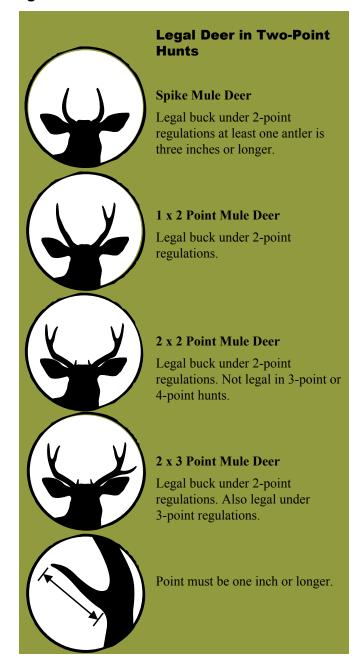
Any person hunting in an archery-only season, including controlled hunts, must have their license with archery permit validation

Any person hunting in a muzzleloader-only season, including controlled hunts must have their license with muzzleloader permit validation.

Attention Deer Hunters!

Deer hunters may choose either a regular deer tag or a white-tailed deer tag. The regular deer tag is valid for any hunt listed under "2008 Regular Deer Tag Seasons" on pages 9-13.

The white-tailed deer tag is valid for white-tailed deer only, for any hunt listed under "2008 White-tailed Deer Tag Seasons" on pages 14-17.

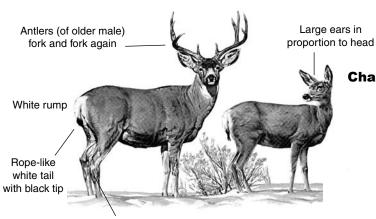


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Characteristics of a mule deer

CAUTION!

Antlers on yearling buck white-tailed and mule deer may look similar.



Antlers (of older males) consist of main beams with 3 to 5 tines projecting upward

Characteristics of a white-tailed deer

Ears are smaller in proportion to head than a mule deer

Brown rump

Long slit-like gland on hind leg

Illustration by Robert Neaves courtesy of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Tail is brown with white fringe Erect tail is all white Short slit-like gland on hind leg

Definitions

Antiered Buck — A deer with an antier or antiers at least three inches in length.
 Antierless — A deer without antiers or with antiers less than three inches in length.

2008 Regular Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
1	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (White-tailed deer only)	Nov 1 - Dec 1 - (White-tailed deer only)	
	Nov 1 - Dec 1	(White tailed deel only)	
	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Nov 1 - Dec 1	
2, 3, 4A, 5, 6	Nov 10 - Dec 1 (White-tailed deer only)	(White-tailed deer only)	
4, 7, 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9 (White-tailed deer only)	
8, 8A, 10, 10A, 12, 15, 16	Oct 10 - Nov 3	Oct 10 - Nov 3	
11, 11A	Oct 10 - Nov 3 (White-tailed deer only)	Oct 10 - Nov 3 (White-tailed deer only)	
13, 14, 18	Oct 10 - Nov 3 (White-tailed deer only)	Oct 10 - Oct 16 (White-tailed deer only)	Unit 13 has limited access
16A, 17, 19, 20	Sep 15 - Nov 18	Sep 15 - Nov 18	
19A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
20A, 26, 27	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	

Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
21, 21A, 28, 29, 30, 36, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A	Oct 10 - Oct 24	None	Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 29, 30, 36A, 37, 37A See note 6, Page 11
22	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Two-point deer only)	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	
23, 24, 25	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	See note 1 , Page 11
31, 32, 32A	Oct 10 - Oct 24	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Youth hunt only)	See note 3, Page 11 Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 32 & 32A, See note 6, Page 11
33, 34, 35	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	
39, 43	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
40, 41	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Two-point deer only)	Oct 10 - Nov 24 (Youth hunt only. Only in a small portion of these units)	Youth Hunt Area Restrictions: Only a small portion of Units 40 & 41 is open for harvest of antlerless deer. See notes 2, 3, & 7, Page 11 Antlerless hunt is Youth only.
42	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Two-point deer only)	None	
46	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	See note 3, Page 11
48, 49, 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 6, Page 11
52A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
56	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 6, Page 11
60, 61, 62, 62A, 64, 65	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	See note 4, Page 11
60A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	See note 4, Page 11
66, 69	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 6, Page 11
66A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	
67	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	See note 5, Page 11
68, 71, 72, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 75 & 77 See note 6, Page 11
73	Oct 10 - Oct 16 (4-point or larger deer only)	None	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 6, Page 11

- 1. Short-range weapons only in that portion of Unit 24 within the following boundary: Beginning in McCall at the junction of State Highway 55 and Boydstun Street, then south on Boydstun Street to West Valley Road, then west and south along West Valley Road and West Mountain Road to Cabarton Road, then north on Cabarton Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to Farm-To-Market Road, then north on Farm-To-Market Road to Elo Road, then west on Elo Road to State Highway 55, then north on State Highway 55 to the point of beginning.
- 2. Short-range weapons **only** on the islands in the Snake River.
- 3. Short-range weapons only on C.J. Strike and Chester Wetlands Wildlife Management Areas.
- 4. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 60A south and east of the North (Henrys) Fork Snake River, and that portion within one mile north and west of the North Fork Snake River.
- 5. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 67 south and west of State Highway 26.
- 6. Motorized vehicle use as an aid to hunting for wildlife is restricted to established roadways open to motorized vehicle traffic capable of travel by full-sized automobiles any motorized vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 1,500 pounds. See Page 68.
- 7. Youth Hunt Area: Only that portion of Units 40 and 41 within the following boundary are open to youth antlerless hunting starting at the Oregon border on the Snake River then upstream to the C.J. Strike Dam Road then south on C.J. Strike Dam Road to Highway 78 at Rim Rock High School, then east on Highway 78 to Highway 51, then south on Highway 51 to the Shoofly Cut-off Road, then west on the Shoofly Cut-off Road to the Mudflat Road, then north on the Mudflat Road to Highway 78, continue west on Highway 78 to the powerline that crosses the Snake River about three miles south of the Walter's Ferry Bridge at the 22.5 mile marker, then west along the powerline to the Oregon border, then north along the Oregon border to the Snake River, the point of beginning; and on cultivated fields in that portion of Unit 40 no more than five miles south or west of Highway 78. Map available at Southwest Region office and the Fish and Game Website at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov.

2008 Regular Deer Tag General Archery Only Seasons Archery Permit Required			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
1 -	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30 (White-tailed deer only)	
1	Dec 10 - Dec 23	Dec 10 - Dec 23 (White-tailed deer only)	
	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30 (White-tailed deer only)	See note 1, Page 13
2	Nov 1 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1 (White-tailed deer only)	See note 2, Page 13
	Dec 10 - Dec 23	Dec 10 - Dec 23 (White-tailed deer only)	See note 1, Page 13
3, 4, 4A,	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30 (White-tailed deer only)	
5, 6, 7, 9	Dec 10 - Dec 23	Dec 10 - Dec 23 (White-tailed deer only)	
8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11A, 12, 15, 19A, 21, 21A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
22	Aug 30 - Sep 30 (Two-point deer only)	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 5, Page 13

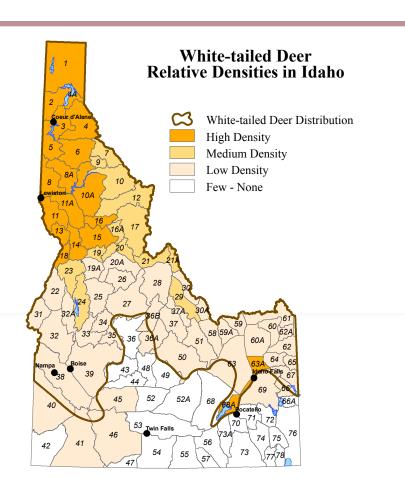
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
23, 24, 25, 36, 36B	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
28	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 32 & 32A, See note 5, Page 13
38	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	See note 3, Page 13
39	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Nov 10 - Nov 30	See note 6, Page 13 Part of unit closed.
40, 41, 42	Aug 30 - Sep 30 (Two-point deer only)	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
43, 46, 52A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
47, 48, 49, 50, 51	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 5, Page 13
53	Aug 30 - Dec 19	Aug 30 - Dec 19	See note 4, Page 13 Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 5, Page 13
54	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
55	Nov 25 - Dec 19	Nov 25 - Dec 19	
56, 57, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 5, Page 13
60, 60A, 62,	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction,
64, 65, 66, 67, 69	Nov 1 - Dec 19 (White-tailed deer only)	Nov 1 - Dec 19 (White-tailed deer only)	Units 66 & 69, See note 5, Page 13
61, 62A, 63A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
63	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
03	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Nov 1 - Dec 19	
66A, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, Units 70, 73, 75, 77, 78, See note 5, Page 13

	2008 Regular Deer Tag General Muzzleloader Only Seasons Muzzleloader Permit Required			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes	
4, 7, 9	Nov 10 - Dec 1	Nov 10 - Dec 1 (White-tailed deer only)		
39	None	Sep 8 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 5, Page 13	

	2008 Regular Deer Tag General Deer Short Range Weapons Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes	
38	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Nov 24	See note 3, Page 13	
53	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 7, Page 13 Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 5, Page 13	
63	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)		

- 1. Farragut State Park and Farragut Wildlife Management Area are closed.
- 2. Farragut State Park and Farragut Wildlife Management Area only.
- 3. That portion of Unit 38 within the Lake Lowell Sector of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge is **closed**.
- 4. That portion of Unit 53 east of U.S. Highway 93 is open.
- 5. Motorized vehicle use as an aid to hunting for wildlife is restricted to established roadways open to motorized vehicle traffic capable of travel by full-sized automobiles any motorized vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 1,500 pounds. See Page 68.
- 6. **Area Closure:** That portion of Unit 39 within Ada County, **and** that portion of Unit 39 within the following boundary: Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 21 and the Middle Fork Boise River Road (Forest Road 268), east on Forest Road 268 to Cottonwood Creek-Thorn Creek Road (Forest Road 377), north and west on Forest Road 377 to State Highway 21, south and west on Highway 21 to the point of beginning is **closed**.
- 7. Short-range weapons **only** in that portion of Unit 53 west of U. S. Highway 93. Archery only east of U.S. Highway 93.





2008 White-tailed Deer Tag General Any Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, 6	Oct 10 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1	
4, 7, 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9	Oct 10 - Nov 9	
8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A	Oct 10 - Dec 1	Oct 10 - Dec 1	
10, 12, 15, 16	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Nov 20	
13	Oct 10 - Nov 3	Oct 10 - Oct 16	Very limited access
14, 18	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Oct 16	
16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27	Sep 15 - Nov 18	Sep 15 - Nov 18	
19A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
21, 21A, 28, 36B	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 7, Page 15
22, 25	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
23	Oct 10 - Nov 20	Oct 10 - Oct 16	
24	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 1, Page 15

Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
31, 32, 32A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 2, Page 15 Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 32 & 32A, See note 7, Page 15
33, 34, 35	Oct 10 - Nov 8	Oct 10 - Nov 8	
39, 43	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
38	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Nov 24	See note 3, Page 15
40, 41	Oct 10 - Oct 24 (Two-point deer only)	Oct 10 - Nov 24 (Youth hunt only. Only in a small portion of these units)	Youth Hunt Area Restrictions: See notes 4 & 8, Page 15. Only a small portion of Units 40 & 41 are open for harvest of antlerless deer. Antlerless hunt is Youth only.
46	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	See note 2, Page 15
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Nov 10 - Dec 9	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Nov 10 - Dec 9	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 7, Page 15
60, 62, 64, 65	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 4, Page 15
60A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 5, Page 15
(1 (2))	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
61, 62A	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Nov 10 - Dec 9	
66, 69	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 7, Page 15
67	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	See note 6, Page 15

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1	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
1	Dec 10 - Dec 23	Dec 10 - Dec 23	
	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	See note 1, Page 16
2	Nov 1 - Dec 1	Nov 1 - Dec 1	See note 2, Page 16
	Dec 10 - Dec 23	Dec 10 - Dec 23	See note 1, Page 16
3, 4, 4A,	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
5, 6, 7, 9	Dec 10 - Dec 23	Dec 10 - Dec 23	
8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11A, 12, 19A, 22, 23, 24, 25	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
15	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
15	Dec 5 - Dec 20	Dec 5 - Dec 20	
21, 21A, 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Very Limited Access Motorized Vehicle Restriction, Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A See note 4, Page 16
28	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Very limited access
31, 32, 32A, 33, 34, 35	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction Units 32 & 32A, See note 4, Page 16
38	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	See note 3, Page 16
39	Nov 10 - Nov 30	Nov 10 - Nov 30	See note 5, Page 16
40, 41	Aug 30 - Sep 30 (Two-point deer only)	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
43, 46	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, See note 4, Page 16
60, 60A, 62,	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Nov 1 - Dec 19	Motorized Vehicle Restriction, Units 66 & 69, See note 4, Page 16
61, 62A	Aug 30 - Sep 30	Aug 30 - Sep 30	
68A	Aug 30 - Dec 19	Aug 30 - Dec 19	

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Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
4, 7, 9	Nov 10 - Dec 1	Nov 10 - Dec 1	
8A	None	Dec 2 - Dec 14	See note 1, Page 17
10A	None	Dec 2 - Dec 14	
16	Nov 21 - Dec 9	Nov 21 - Dec 9	

2008 White-tailed Deer Tag Short Range Weapon Seasons			
Unit(s)	Antlered	Antlerless	Notes
21, 21A, 28, 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 36B, 37, 37A	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Nov 10 - Dec 9	Very limited access. Motorized Vehicle Restriction, Units 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A See note 4, Page 16
24	Nov 1 - Nov 20	None	
63	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 (Youth hunt only)	
63A	Oct 10 - Oct 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	

1. Hunt Area 8A: That portion of Unit 8A east of State Highway 6 and State Highway 9 and north of the following line: Beginning at the boundary of Unit 8A at its junction with State Highway 8 at Deary, then east on Highway 8 to Forest Service Road 1963 at Helmer, then south and east on Forest Service Road 1963 to Long Meadow Creek, then southeast on Long Meadow Creek to Dworshak Reservoir, then east along the shoreline of Dworshak Reservoir to the Unit 8A boundary at Dent Bridge.